

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023
St. Matthews + Zoom 6:30

Attendance: Joyce Statz, Mick Koffend, Carol Dochen, Julie Rawlings, Kevin Kott, Jessica Forrest, Richard Grayum, Ruven Brooks, Ben Luckens

Not present: Bridget Keating, Julie Waidelich, Vicki DeWeese (gave proxy), Charlie Galvin, Dana Winer, Connie Lundgren (gave proxy), Teri Shock

6:38 Call to Order - Statz

January Minutes were discussed, and a few minor changes made. Mick motioned that the minutes be accepted as altered. Grayum seconded. **Minutes accepted.**

Housekeeping

Membership at 442 is down from 631 in this same time period in 2022. Renewal notices are going out this week. The problem with the renewal system is being fixed.

Financial Report - Koffend

Looked over the current financial reports reflecting cash and CD balances. Our nonprofit status is 501C4. Membership dues are not tax deductible. We now have completed the appropriate State of Texas paperwork and are exempt from sales tax on purchases we make as an organization. The form to use when making purchases can be found in NWACAwork.

Old Business

NWACAwork - Statz

Joyce went over how to use this for accessing information, uploading files, adding contacts, and other common uses. She cautioned to be careful when using this site not to delete existing files or contacts.

Crime and Safety – Kott

Last Thursday was the block captain meeting for Neighborhood Watch. There were 11 captains in attendance. Attendees shared what they were doing on their individual blocks. As an example, Lynn said she had a time set weekly for the

neighbors on her block to get together for a happy hour. The Board discussed that the Crime and Safety Committee might want to communicate with the captains more frequently.

Connie has worked with the constable to set up his patrol schedule. If people want a specific street patrolled, they need to let us know.

April 13th will be a community-wide crime and safety town hall. This will be announced through our different media sources. The committee is working on the format and presenters.

Spring Event – Koffend

The April 22nd Earth Day Festival will be held at the Doss Playground. It will focus on education, fun activities for the children, and a chance for neighbors to meet and get to know one another. Mick is looking into whether there is a need for a permit, port-a-potty rentals, light refreshments, and water. There is currently a \$500 budget for this event. If this need to be amended, we will do it by an email board vote.

Shredding Event – Rawlings

The tentative date for this is either August 19th or 26th. The 19th is preferred but still waiting to hear from the company doing the shredding. This event will include paper and electronics.

Newsletter - Statz

The new newsletter format has been well received. 6200 were sent out. There are some neighbors that have not received a copy. NWACA notes will have instructions for those who did not receive one to request a copy. Also, there are 80 members outside of the zip codes. We will figure out how to get them a copy.

New Business

Annual Survey

Reviewed the survey questions from last year.

Question 2 from last year on crime prevention will add violent crime to the list.

Question 9 Will change from demographics to what NWACA events you have participated in.

Annual Meeting - May 11th

We will invite local leaders, City of Austin department representatives, and business members like we have done in the past. There will be speakers and well as tables with information.

The Parks committee is looking for a co-chair.

The Board is also looking for new board members.

Robert Nash has stepped down from the board.

July 4th -Grayum

Work has started organizing the event and looking into securing a permit, port a potty rental, and thinking about an MC and parade Marshal. Richard will reach out with specific needs.

Other Business

Special projects have had one submission thus far.

We will ask Teri if she is going to get Oak Wilt signs to the board members to put up in their yards.

Ruven discussed a change in how to communicate neighborhood needs to the City of Austin and other groups. Individuals will need to be made aware of the plans, and then it may be more effective to have individuals reach out instead of making a request by the board. As a board and committees, we can be a resource to publicize plans and changes that affect our community, so that individuals can then respond.

Meeting adjourned - Statz

